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SUBJ: ERDA PHYSICAL SECURITY TEAM VISIT TO KOREA

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1. REFTEL D (BEING REPEATED SEOUL) DETAILS VISIT ERDA TEAM TO JAPAN, REPUBLIC OF CHINA AND THE PHILIPPINES. INITIALLY, ERDA HAD PROPOSED INCLUDE SIMILAR VISIT ROK, WHICH HAD BEEN INFORMALLY DISCUSSED BY ERDA WITH OFFICIALS ROK EMBASSY WASHINGTON. UPON DISCUSSION WITHIN STATE AND WITH ERDA, IT WAS DECIDED THAT ROK VISIT SHOULD BE DEFERRED. MAJORREASON THIS DECISION WAS THAT, ALTHOUGH PHYSICAL SECURITY DISCUSSIONS ACTUALLY ENTIRELY UNRELATED TO EXERCISE WHICH IS SUBJECT REFTELS A, B AND C, IT MIGHT IN SOME MINDS BE SO CONSTRUED. FURTHER CONSIDERATION WAS THAT THERE IS AT THIS TIME NO PENDING SHIPMENT TO ROK OF HIGHLY ENRICHED URANIUM OR PLUTONIUM THAT WOULD REQUIRE ERDA PHYSICAL SECURITY VISIT PRIOR TO ISSUANCE OF REQUISITE EXPORT LICENSE.

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2. SUBSEQUENTLY, SCICON TOKYO HAS TELEPHONED DEPARTMENT ON BEHALF ERDA TEAM NOW IN TOKYO WITH URGENT REQUEST THAT LOW-KEY VISIT BE REINSTATED AND REFTEL E HAS BEEN RECEIVED. SINCE KOREAN AEB NOW APPARENTLY EXPECTING VISIT AND ERDA TEAM ANXIOUS TO GO, DEPARTMENT AND ERDA ARE PREPARED TO SEE ROK VISIT REINSTATED, PROVIDED AMEMBASSY SEOUL PERCEIVES NO NEGATIVE ROK IMPACTS, INCLUDING CONSIDERATION OF THE AFOREMENTIONED EXERCISE. SINCE WE UNDERSTAND THAT FINAL DECISION ON ROK VISIT BY ERDA TEAM MUST BE MADE BY JUNE 25 IF VISIT TO BE RESCHEDULED, SUGGEST THAT DECISION BE REACHED BY DIRECT CONTACT BETWEEN AMEMBASSIES TOKYO AND SEOUL AND THAT DEPARTMENT BE ADVISED OF FINAL DECISION. KISSINGER

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